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In the fall of 2023 the British Columbia government launched a pilot of a new child care Operating Funding Model (OFM) with a small number of child care programs.

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Specifically, the 2023 OFM Test provides funding for child care educator wages as set out in the following table (which the OFM manual labels a "Wage Grid").

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There are three major issues with this wage funding system:

- 1. It's not a wage grid
- 2. The wage floor and funding levels are too low
- 3. It pays according to minimum ratio requirements, not actual qualifications

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